

and birth blind them; but not in sufficient degree to eiidang-er society. (To John Adams, 1813. C. VI., 224.)

ARMS.—One farther favor and I am done; to search the Herald's office for the arms of my family. I have what I have been told were the family arms, but on what authority I know not. It is possible there may be none. If so, I would - with your assistance become a purchaser, having Sterne's word for it that a coat of arms may be purchased as cheap as any other coat. (From a letter written to Thomas Adams, a merchant of London, 1770. F. L, 389.)

ARMY.—No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms within his own lands. There shall be no standing army but in time of actual war. (From' a proposed Constitution for Virginia, 1776. F. II., 27.)

ASSUMPTION.—It was a real fact that the Eastern and Southern members (South Carolina, however, was with the former) had got into the most extreme ill humor with one another. This broke out on every question with the most alarming-heat, the bitterest animosities seemed to be engendered, and though they met every clay, little or nothing could be done from mutual distrust and antipathy. On considering the situation of thing's I thought the first step toward some conciliation of views would be to bring Mr. Madison and Colonel Hamilton to a friendly discussion of the subject. I immediately wrote to each to come and dine with me the next day, mentioning that we should be alone, that the object was to find some temperament for the present fever, and that I was persuaded that men of sound heads and honest views needed nothing-more than explanation and mutual understanding to enable them to unite in some measures which might enable us to get along-. They came, I opened the subject to them, acknowledged that my situation had not permitted me to understand it sufficiently but encouraged them to consider the thing together. They did so; it ended in Mr. Madison's acquiescence in a proposition that the question should again be brought before the House by way of amendment from the Senate, that though he would not vote for it, nor entirely withdraw his opposition, yet he